

PERSUED BY OFFICERS, YOUNG BOY SUICIDES, RATHER THAN BE ARRESTED

Dewey Carder committed suicide near his mother's ranch in the north end of Pittman Valley last Thursday night, by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. The bullet entered his head under his left ear and practically tore the top of his head off. The rifle was a 30-30 calibre and a soft nosed bullet was used.

Carder was only 19 years of age, and a brother of Harry Carder of this city. His father died only a few weeks ago.

Young Carder was charged with having killed a calf that did not belong to him and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest. He had been hiding out for several days around the country in the vicinity of the ranch. On Thursday night Deputy Sheriff Smith with his brother, ran across him carrying a rifle and asked him to surrender. He was under a tree and out of sight; they fired a shot to frighten him into giving up. Shortly afterwards they heard a shot and called to him but received no response; getting up closer, they saw him lying on the ground and when they reached him he was dead.

Either in his excitement and fear of arrest, or by accident drawing his rifle up toward him while laying on the ground, his death occurred. The fear of arrest may have caused him to commit suicide. He was found laying on his face dead, with the rifle clasped in his arms. Powder burns showed conclusively that it was the discharge of his own rifle that ended his life.

A coroner's jury was empaneled by Judge Twitty of Williams, who returned a verdict of suicide.

It is a very sad case and very probable, that, as it was his first trouble and young in years, he believed it much more serious than it actually was. His early youth was spent in Flagstaff where he was well known by the younger generation.

Jo Conners Boosts Oatman

"The Goddess of Fortune has always been kind to Coconino county and the fickle jade has been especially so to the people of the county who have invested in Oatman mining stock," said Jo Conners, newspaper man and publicity agent who spent the day in Flagstaff Thursday. Amalgamated was financed practically with Coconino county money and those who have the stock can rest assured of big returns on their money. Oatman Amalgamated is owned and controlled by men who know the mining business in all its phases. J. T. Burns who financed the property did it so thoroughly that there was never any hitch after the development once started, and they have gotten results. Superintendent Jack Lamb is one of the most capable and efficient mining men in the southwest and having had free rein and not being handicapped for want of funds he has made a wonderful showing and already a big ledge of ore worth between \$3 and \$4 has been uncovered.

Police Court Business Picking Up

During the past month the city police court has been doing a good business. Judge Layton advises that during the past thirty days thirty cases of drunk and disorderlies have been up for trial. There is a large falling off in the drink line.

A Truly Ancient Newspaper

Mrs. Harry Wiltse has a copy of the Ulster County (N. Y.) Gazette dated January 1800, which gives an account of the death of George Washington, December 14th, 1799. The paper has been handed down in her family from generation to generation and is in a remarkable good state of preservation, with the print as clear as the day it was printed. The spelling was the quaint old fashioned kind, using the "f" for "s." It is a very interesting document because of the kind of news, peculiar advertisements and general make up.

Brings Home Nova Scotia Bride

Ike Smith, the well known blacksmith at the A. L. & T. mill returned Sunday from Nova Scotia with a bride. He went to his old home at Stewiacke, N. S., to see his brother who is a major in a regiment soon to leave for the front on the side of the allies and during his stay aided the United States by taking unto himself a charming bride who was formerly Miss Lockhart. Mr. Smith is a native of Nova Scotia but has been a resident of Flagstaff for the past eleven years. A number of his best friends gave him a hearty welcome on his return. They will make their home in Milton.

KILLED BY A TRAIN WHILE ON HIS WAY HOME

A young man walking along the track early Friday morning about four miles west of Flagstaff, was struck by No. 2 and almost instantly killed.

It is almost impossible to account for the accident except that he was either deaf or that he was off the east-bound track, as there was only one train on the track at the time. Before anyone could reach him after he was hit, he was dead. The train, coming down grade threw him from the track, mangled one leg and crushed in the back of his head. He was brought into Flagstaff by the train.

From papers, a bankbook found on his person and telegraphic inquiries, it was learned that his name was A. B. C. Didzun, a lawyer in the partnership of concern of Murray & Didzun of San Antonio, Texas. He had shipped his baggage by express from some town near Redlands, Calif., to Texas, and evidently, because of straightened circumstances, was making his way back the best he could.

He was a fine looking man, evidently about 30 years of age. A coroner's jury was empaneled by Judge Harrington Friday and from all the evidence brought before them, returned a verdict of accidental death.

The remains of the unfortunate man were taken to his old home at Waco, Tex., by a brother who arrived in Flagstaff a day after the accident.

VOTERS VERY UNKINDLY TOWARD ROAD BOND ISSUE

The proposed good road bond issue of \$250,000 was overwhelmingly defeated Tuesday by the voters. There was hardly a precinct heard from that did not help to snow it under at the rate of over two to one.

The vote in the two Flagstaff precincts gave a result of 99 against and 65 for the bonds.

Williams gave the proposition a like swift kick with a vote of 99 against and 8 for the bonds.

The vote was very light and no vote was taken at all in some precincts. The proposition was so badly defeated in Flagstaff and Williams that the vote in the rest of the county could not change the result.

The question has been agitated pro and con for the past two years, and now that the people have spoken, it can rest quietly for a couple of years.

Mrs. Theresa Stern Passes Away

Mrs. Theresa Sterns passed away last week Thursday night, April 27th, 1916, after a brief illness caused from the shock of a fall.

Mrs. Sterns was born in Germany, March 26th, 1840, and came to America when but 18 years of age. She was married in 1860 and went with her husband to California in 1864; her husband died in 1879 and in October 1883, she came to Flagstaff where she made her home until the time of her death. She leaves one daughter, her only child, Mrs. Mayflower and a sister who still lives in Germany.

Mrs. Stern was a charter member of the Eastern Star Chapter here and a loveable lady of the old school; strong in character and one who was left early in life to fight her own battles which she did most successfully, ever putting on a bright face in the struggle, with a lasting belief that all would come right in the end. The funeral services were held at the Federated church Saturday, conducted by Dr. Thomas Hamby and the remains laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

Flag Wins From Lumberjacks

The Flagstaff ball team walloped the Lumberjack team in the interesting ball game played last Sunday, by a score of 6 to 8. Fred Hesser and Fred Metz were the presenting and receiving men for the Flag team and they showed considerable executive ability throughout the game. Our baseball reporter was suffering with a severe case of ingrowing delapidation of the heart, consequently, we failed to get a full report of the game.

SENATOR ASHURST INTRODUCES BILL FOR \$100,000 POSTOFFICE SITE AND BUILDING

In the Senate of the United States April 25, 1916, Mr. Ashurst introduced the following bill; Which Was Read Twice and Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Ground

Flagstaff may yet get a government building for the housing of the postoffice and other government officials here. The miserable conditions here under which the local postoffice officials are laboring has at least stirred up Senator Ashurst to introduce a bill in the senate to appropriate \$100,000 for a postoffice site and building. There is already a bill introduced in the house asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 for a post-office site; introduced some months ago by Congressman Hayden. Nothing more has been heard of that bill and it may be that as this is a political year, the introduction of the bill by Senator Ashurst, will die a similar death, however, if bills of this kind are introduced from time to time, there may come a time when some actual interest and action will be taken in the matter by congress.

At the present rate of growth, the Flagstaff office would pay for the building and site in a few years. Under existing conditions it is almost impossible for the present force to attend to the wants of the public and it has caused a wave of disgust to

sweep over the public, when they realize they are compelled to stand for the utter lack of proper accommodations.

The full text of the bill as introduced by Senator Ashurst, is as follows:

A Bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building thereon at the town of Flagstaff, in the State of Arizona.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post office and other Government offices at Flagstaff, in the State of Arizona, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating, and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of \$100,000.

R. R. CROSSING PETITION RECEIVES ATTENTION

Division Superintendent R. H. Tuttle of Winslow, was in Flagstaff last Friday and met with a committee of the Woman's Club to confer relative to a petition circulated by them asking for protection at the railroad crossings on Railroad avenue. There is a heavy traffic at two of the crossings and much switching is necessary along these two places during the greater part of the day. Notice that petitions of that character were being circulated by the ladies, brought a quick response from Supt. Tuttle, who met with them to ascertain their attitude in the matter and to investigate the situation.

The action of the ladies in taking the matter up directly with Mr. Tuttle and his prompt response is evidence that the petition was in the nature of a "friendly complaint," with a desire on the part of the Santa Fe officials to find out where the blame lay to correct it if it is possible to do so.

A short discussion of the question brought about a very friendly feeling on the part of the ladies and the promise on the part of Supt. Tuttle that he would take the matter up immediately on the receipt of their petition and present it to the proper higher authorities with his recommendation, believing the crossing question would be amicably settled.

Death of Joel Tillman Scott

Mr. Joel Tillman Scott, aged 68 years, died at his home in Milton, Friday, April 28th, of Bright's disease after a brief acute illness. He has been a sufferer for years with the dreaded disease and death came last Friday to relieve his suffering. Mr. Scott was a native of Kentucky and came to Flagstaff about three years ago with his family and took up a homestead in Mill Park. On account of his illness he moved into Flagstaff for the winter. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters; the youngest, Walter Scott and William Scott have been employed at the A. L. & T. mill, the other children are not residents of Flagstaff.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Thomas Hamby of the Federated church at the home of the deceased in Milton and the remains buried in the Citizens cemetery.

Robinson Robbed of Half His Hay

Jack Robinson came home from Camp Verde the first of the week and when he visited his ranch about five miles south of Flagstaff, found that thieves had broken into his house and barn. Out of 136 bales of hay he left there last fall when he went south, only 76 remained for his use. The lock on the door of his ranch house was broken and the place ransacked, but he did not miss anything from his affects. Jack is very much in hopes that the thief, or thieves, whoever they are, will raise a good crop of hay of their own this year and return what they owe him.

WHO WILL SERVE THE CITY AS COUNCILMEN?

All evidence heretofore introduced, to the contrary, Flagstaff will have a City Council for the next two years. Up to this time there has been few, if any prominent citizens who had a desire to take up the work of making Flagstaff the "real city progressive and beautiful," but the importance of the work to be done the coming two years has at last awakened the spirit of civic pride and some few have volunteered for service.

Among the different ideas that have been advanced we hear of many who would like to continue the present city council in office, believing their past record warrants that action on the part of the public.

Other names have been mentioned also, with the belief if they would serve the people, they would deliver the goods. Those mentioned during the last few days that we have heard of are: A. W. Bikker, Thomas Frier, J. C. Dolan, Sam Quay, John Clark, Frank E. Brooks, P. J. Moran, T. A. Rickel, Will Marlair.

The meeting at the court house tomorrow night for the purpose of naming a citizens ticket will probably produce more names of those who will be willing to serve the city officially. Those who are settled upon will have the advantage of a good boost for the place to start with.

Good Booster Busted in Bad

O. H. John, the local representative of the Santa Fe, is a genuine good booster and a member of the Commercial Club which does considerable business and endeavors to keep things sorter moving in the right direction. Monday night he heard of a meeting, also that they had changed the regular place of meeting. He presented himself at the city hall, and some one advised him, "up stairs." He went up stairs and made himself at home talking upon different subjects until, instead of John Francis taking the chair, George Babbitt called the meeting to order. The question of a one dollar membership fee was up. "H—!" said John, or something like that, turning to Francis, "I thought we had settled that question and put the membership fee at \$5. long ago."

"No, this is a meeting of the democratic club and we are discussing ways and means," replied Francis.

O. H. is just as sensitive about the particular brand of politics he uses as a young lady is of face powder—and he is a republican. The door was hardly wide enough, but he made it and was down stairs in four long steps. Then he remarked: "Can you beat it?—I DID."

Buys Williams Drug Store

J. E. Ruffin purchased the D. A. Byrne drug store at Williams Tuesday and took possession of the business the same day. The business is an old established one doing a good business. Ruffin at one time run a drug store in Flagstaff, later Bisbee, Phoenix and in Los Angeles.

PAVING OF FLAGSTAFF STREETS WILL COMMENCE ON MAY 10TH NEXT

ASSOCIATE FORESTER MEETS WITH COUNCIL

Associate Forester A. F. Potter met with the City Council last Wednesday evening, at which meeting the question relative to the plans of the Coconino Water Development Co., in developing the water at Crater Lake was taken up with a view of ascertaining whether or not their plans of development of water in that vicinity would in any way affect the water supply of the city. Mr. Potter had gone over the works of the Development company previous to the meeting and was prepared to say that in his opinion and from all indications there was no reason why the Forest Service should object to their operations. The City Council, after being advised of his investigation, agreed to make no objection to the future development. Mr. Potter also assured the council that he would recommend the granting of the section north of the city reservoir be set aside and stock excluded therefrom to keep the city water supply pure and to protect it in the interest of the people of Flagstaff.

State Fair Nov. 13 to 18th

Dates of the 1916 State Fair are November 13th to 18th, inclusive. These dates were selected because of the general election being held on November 7th and for the convenience of the cattle men of the state, who do not finish their round-ups and shipments until after the first of November.

INDIAN OFFICIALS VISIT FLAGSTAFF SATURDAY

Superintendent John B. Brown of the Phoenix Indian school, was in Flagstaff Saturday, with Supt. Peterson of the Apache Indian reservation. Mr. Brown had been over to the Apache reservation for a few days on business and stopped over in Flagstaff to visit the Normal school. Mr. Peterson was looking into the lumber situation here and gathering data which he hopes to use soon in handling the great body of pine timber on the Apache reservation. There is a magnificent body of virgin timber in that section of the country which should be utilized. In order to secure best results it will be necessary to build a railroad into the country and it looks as though the government with many of their other extravagant schemes, might a great deal better put a railroad into the timber and thus save a few million by selling their logs to the big mills now in operation.

At present the timber stands unused, except for a small amount now and then cut by the agency for local use, the matured stuff dies, rots and falls to the ground as a menace to the rest of the young growing timber from fires.

Elks Celebration Gains Headway

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the visitors to the big celebration July 3 and 4 in charge of the Elks Lodge. It is the intention of the members in charge to overlook nothing that will go to make these two days the best Flagstaff has ever witnessed.

Among the many concessions secured for the coming event is a one and one-third fare for the round trip on all Santa Fe lines, tickets on sale July 1st, with the return limit July 5th. This rate is expected to bring a large number of visitors from neighboring towns and plans are now progressing to give them ample accommodations.

One big feature that has been definitely decided is a 25 mile automobile race on the track with a \$300.00 purse. Mr. Chisholm with force of teams has started work on the track and will leave it in fine shape. The track will be widened and heavily banked on the curves.

Disastrous Fire at Winslow

The most disastrous fire of years occurred at Winslow Monday night. The entire Hunter lumber yard went up in smoke. We were unable to learn the origin of the fire or whether there was any insurance of the stock.

At last after many years of trials and tribulations, street paving looms large on the horizon and is now a fact. Word has been received from the California & Arizona Paving Co., through their agent Mr. Morton, who is here this week that actual work of paving will commence on May 10th, that equipment and material will be here as fast as required. The greater number of the property owners along the streets affected have already signed up a contract with the bithulitic people; those who do not will be compelled to pay a heavier tax for the work as it includes the cost of putting the law into effect.

The bithulitic is not a cheap paving, but from best sources of information, will prove the best and most lasting in this climate, if properly laid. The proper laying of the paving, we understand has been carefully looked into by the City Council, who are thoroughly convinced that the work will not be of a shoddy character.

The extremes of heat and cold at this altitude necessitates a paving material which will adapt itself to the conditions. The bithulitic, according to authorities, will give a more yielding surface, create less noise under traffic and during the winter months be less dangerous under ice and water for both horses and autos.

With this light lowering and raising of the grades in the different sections of the down town district, a wonderful improvement will be made in the appearance of the whole city.

Prominent Albuquerque Citizen Here

Mr. R. E. Putney and wife of Albuquerque, were in Flagstaff Saturday getting a view of the city and its surroundings. Mr. Putney is the big wholesale merchant of Albuquerque with branch houses in different parts of New Mexico and has established himself as far west as Holbrook, where he has a growing business. Mr. Putney had nothing special to say as to the reason for his trip to Flagstaff other than to look over the country and get acquainted with the people in the interest of his business at Holbrook. Incidentally, he is one of the men who has helped to make Albuquerque famous in many ways, including the last state fair pulled off in that city.

Cowpuncher Seriously Injured

David Weaver, a well known cowboy who has worked the passed year with the "T bar" outfit for E. E. Thurston, was kicked in the head by a horse near Hance Springs Sunday and found unconscious a few hours later and taken to Camp Verde for treatment. He had remained unconscious until Tuesday, the last heard of him. An examination of the wound showed his injury a serious one, but not necessarily fatal. He has been working with cattle in this section for the past ten years.

Fatal Disease Among Horses

Dr. W. E. Severn, state veterinarian of Phoenix, was the guest of Dr. Stamper here Wednesday and Thursday. Dr. Severn was on his way to Holbrook to examine a number of horses suffering with a disease known as "dourine," which is not only a very fatal disease, but one that is very infectious.

The disease has said to have spread from the Indian reservation where the government has been trying to stamp it out for several months.

Mrs. A. E. Oister, a sister of C. J. Haines, jeweler at the Hunter Drug Co., accompanied by Miss Cleo Hemphre of Pasadena, were the guests of Mr. Haines this week. They were on their way to Ohio and stopped off to visit Mr. Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Foote who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. C. Harvey for a few days, left Wednesday evening for their home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. They were on their way home from San Diego where they have been attending the exposition.

Mr. C. O. Case, state superintendent of schools was in Flagstaff Wednesday meeting with the Normal school board of which he is chairman. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing the faculty of the Normal school the coming year.

The Missionary meeting of the Federated church will postpone its meeting scheduled for next Thursday which happens to be commencement at the Normal and will hold its regular program the following Thursday.